

## Branch District Library System

*Serving you in:*

### Algansee

S. Ray Road  
Quincy, MI 49082  
517 639-9830

### Bronson

207 N. Matteson St.  
Bronson, MI 49028  
517-369-3785

### Coldwater

10 E. Chicago Street  
Coldwater, MI 49036  
517 278-2341

### Quincy

11 N. Main Street  
Quincy, MI 49082  
517 639-4001

### Sherwood

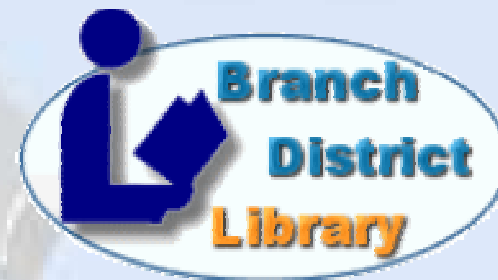
Sherwood, MI 49089  
517 741-7976

### Union Township

221 N. Broadway  
Union City, MI 49094  
517 741-5061

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Coldwater, MI 49036

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# 2004 Annual Report

## Significant Events of 2004

2004 was the year that Branch District Library inaugurated its **wireless Internet service** in the technology area, and its new **Outreach Service** for library users unable to leave home.

Total circulation for 2004 was **175,692**, a 7.6% increase overall, with the Sherwood branch showing a **27%** increase!

## Childrens Services

“Discover New Trails at Your Library” was the theme for 2004’s summer reading program. Dr. Anson Pantz paid the children a visit as part of the program.

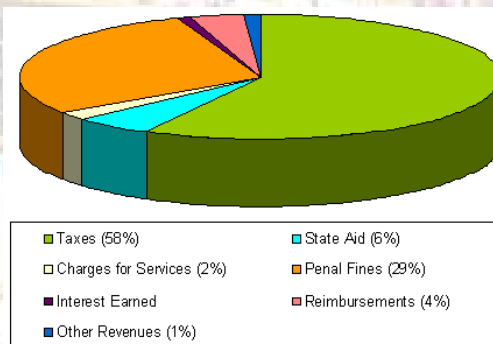
The **Reading Zone** project was completed during 2004, identifying reading levels in the lower level children’s’ materials, making it easier for parents and others to identify ability-appropriate materials for beginning readers.

**5,379** patrons attended **386** children’s’ programs offered by the library system. The **Red Cross Babysitting** workshop was popular in 2004, and will be returning in 2005.

## Where it Comes From (Revenues)

Taxes	\$544,068
State Aid	\$51,835
Charges for Services	\$18,370
Penal Fines	\$274,034
Interest Earned	\$6,725
Reimbursements	\$34,870
Other Revenue	\$9,815

**TOTAL \$939,717**

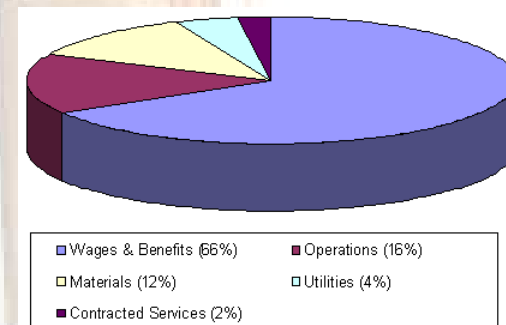


In spite of the continuation of a depressed economy in Michigan, the library continued to see increased funding from penal fines from the Branch County Court System during 2004. A slight increase in interest rates this year may result in increased revenue from that source.

## Where it Goes (Expenditures)

Wages & Benefits	\$611,691
Operations	\$144,271
Materials	\$107,506
Utilities	\$39,050
Contracted Services	\$20,654

**TOTAL \$923,172**



The library was again in a position to add slightly to its fund balance at the end 2004. In view of the challenges that face the library in terms of needed building repairs, this is money that will be well-used in the near future.